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1. SECOND ROUND OF RADIO APPEARANCES BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES COMPLETED EVENING AUGUST 26 WITH PRESENTATIONS BY HOANG CO BINH AND TRUONG DINH DZU.

2. BINH REVIEWED PRINCIPAL POINTS OF HIS PLATFORM, THEN LAUNCHED INTO EXPLANATION OF WHY HE DID NOT FAVOR FURTHER INTENSIFICATION OF THE WAR. PRESENT STRENGTH LEVELS IN ARMED FORCES ARE ADEQUATE, BINH MAINTAINED, AND, IF ELECTED, HE WOULD PRESS FOR REFORMS IN CIVILIAN SPHERE WHICH WOULD RESULT

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IN LOWERING OF ENEMY PRESSURE. REFORM IN THE SOUTH, BINH ARGUED, IS INDISPENSIBLE ELEMENT OF FUTURE PEACE. "WE DO NOT ADVOCATE FOOLISHLY AS HAVE SOME THAT AMERICAN TROOPS COME HERE BY THE

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MILLIONS; NOR DO WE STAND FOR SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE COMMUNIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT."

3. BINH EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN JUDGEMENT OF ELECTORATE OBSERVING THAT EVERYWHERE HE HAD BEEN DURING CAMPAIGN HE FOUND SUBSTANTIAL ENTHUSIASM FOR HIS PLATFORM. BINH CONCLUDED BY REITERATING CLAIM THAT HE HAS WAGED CONSTRUCTIVE CAMPAIGN NEITHER RESORTING TO DEMAGOGUERY NOR EXPLOITING POPULATIONS THIRST FOR PEACE.

4. TRUONG DINH DZU BEGAN HIS PRESENTATION WITH A BRIEF AUTO-BIOGRAPHY EMPHASIZING HIS ACTIVITIES DURING DIEM ERA. DZU THEN REVIEWED HIS SLATE'S PROGRAM STRESSING HIS CONCERN FOR AN EARLY END TO THE WAR AND A JUST AND HONORABLE PEACE WHICH, DZU MAINTAINED, MUST BE ACHIEVED BEFORE SIGNIFICANT REFORMS IN POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SPHERES CAN BE EXPECTED.

5. THIRD AND FINAL ROUND OF RADIO APPEARANCES BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES BEGINS AUGUST 28.
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